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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes  
Thursday, January 13, 2011

### Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency  
Kusman, Travis – S.D. County Ambulance Association  
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Workman, Debbie – Paramedic Training Agency

### Guests Present

Norris, Monica for Patty Skoglund  
Ochs, Ginger – SD Fire & Rescue

### County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca – County EMS

### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the October 14, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

### IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Jim Marugg)

The subcommittee discussed time delays and offload data collection. Tracking of offload issues was brought up at the last Fire Chiefs meeting. First watch subscribers, such as SDMS, are able to collect data on offload delays and the number of units at various facilities.

**Action: Rebecca Pate will consult with Marcy Metz, EMS Chief and Dr. Haynes, EMS Medical Director on the groups and/or agencies that are collecting data and how often it should be reported.**

Linda Rosenberg mentioned that there has been no reporting of offload issues at the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC).

There was discussion on patient turnover and time captured by ambulance providers and hospitals.

### V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The following policies were reviewed by the committee.

S-461, Destination of Acute Stroke Patient. S-461 will be reviewed by BSPC, but was brought before the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for feedback on changes that were made. Documented onset of patient's acute stroke symptoms was changed from three to four hours. The "swallowing tests" statement in section III.A.5, was deleted.

S-306, Designation of Authorized Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education Providers. Changes were made to have consistent language throughout the policy.

P-701, Paramedic Base Hospital Designation. The policy was to designate a new base hospital.

P-801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service. Corrections were made to have the County EMS name consistent throughout the document. Susan Smith will be reviewing the policy to make BLS CPR wording consistent with previous policies. ALS response on ensuring that two paramedics initially respond to each ALS response was reviewed. There was discussion on American Heart Association (AHA) CPR and American Red Cross (ARC) equivalent educational requirements.

Effective dates on the policies will be updated to February 1, 2011 after they are reviewed by EMCC and approved.

**A motion was made by Debbie Workman seconded by Melody Dotson to approve and forward the policy updates to the EMCC full committee. Motion carried.**

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

Hardware and software requirements to access iQCS were provided and reviewed. Deployment of iQCS will begin in February. Facilities and agencies should have the requirements in place at their workstations to access the new iQCS and QCS Legacy system. iQCS and QCS CEMSIS share the same database. There will be access to information from the previous year on the iQCS system. Charles Hawkins is the contact person for any issues. Transition will begin in a few weeks. There will be training information sent out to assist people with using iQCS.

The EMS building remodel will start in a few weeks. Construction will start with the lobby area and the restrooms. Access to the building will be temporarily moved to the street entrance on Mission Gorge.

County Counsel has reviewed the Ambulance Ordinance and has recommended changes. The EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will be reconvened in the next few months to review the County Counsel changes. There was discussion on contract updates and changes made between ambulance and hospitals.

The Health Capacity Taskforce released the capacity plan last month. A letter was sent to the jury commissioner regarding jury time.

VII. ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2011

**Linda Rosenberg made a motion to nominate Melody Dotson as Chair and Jim Marugg as Vice-Chair of EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for 2011. Motion carried.**

Term limits for Chair and Vice-Chair are two years.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Submitted by

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